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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>Applicants:</i>	Howlett, Philip George et al.	}	<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	4041
<i>Serial No.:</i>	10/517,352			
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<i>Title:</i>	Scheduling Method and System For Rail Networks			
<i>Atty. Docket:</i>	16582-0001			
<i>Group:</i>	3617			
<i>Examiner:</i>	Nguyen, Thu V			

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.